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Prof E Fitch

BASKETBALL WAS FIRST STARTED ON HILL IN 1900

Team Had Only 3 Experienced Players But Won 5 of 7 Games and Tied Cornell, 12-12

COLLEGE ENTHUSIASTIC

Story of Origin Is Found in Old Copy of Hamiltonian

With the opening of the current basketball season only a few weeks off, it is interesting to glance back to the days when basketball at Hamilton first made its appearance on the Hill. Basketball, then a comparatively new sport, was made an organized sport on the Hill in 1900. The story of the inception of this sport is told in the 1901 Hamiltonian:

"Although the regular branches of athletics have, for some years, been successfully carried on among us, no desire to try our hand along other lines was heard until the beginning of the present year, when the question of organizing a basketball team was agitated. The time was opportune, the fellows were interested, the gymnasium was a suitable place, and we had with us three veteran players, Jesse and the two McLaughlins, playing respectively center and forwards. Five days before our initial game with Waterville Y. M. C. A. the first practice was held. We hoped to make a good showing, but feared. The first half ended 8-8. Encouraged by the score, by our rooters, and by the fact that the new guards, Dunn and Busch, were over their stage fright, the team began the second half to win. Quick and fast playing baffled the efforts of our opponents and gave us the victory to the tune of 25-17. The refreshments afterward, the tete a tete with the girls, the wait for the stragglers, and the ride home followed by the two howling, scintillating advocates of Tom and Jerry—all these are now only memories, but the team, with its record so favorably begun, is a present reality. Here's to its continued existence and success!"

Encouraged by the success of the first year of basketball as an organized sport, the team of 1901 went through a hard schedule with a surprisingly good record, scoring 153 points to the 105 made by opponents. The team won five games, lost two and tied Cornell, 12-12. Colgate was defeated on the home court, 42-14, after a previous reverse. A large

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Banquet Season Is Voted Down Again

As a result of discussion and general agitation from the student body as a whole, Banquet Season came on trial for the second time and for the second time it was defeated by the two under classes. This old tradition seems to have lost its former attraction in college life at Hamilton.

It was just a year ago that the Banquet Season plans were formally given up. There was considerable difference of opinion in the meetings then, the sophmores, the present juniors, urging abandonment, and the freshmen, inspired by the upperclassmen, generally favoring continuation. The faculty brought an end to the discussion, however, with the announcement that the failure of voluntary action would necessitate enforced abandonment.

This year no definite attitude of the faculty was announced, and so Tuesday morning after the Union met in a joint meeting. There was a long and heated discussion and at least one motion was made to have the classes declare themselves unanimously in favor of holding the banquets. However ,there were plainly too many opposed for such an action, and not many more were converted the next morning when Bob Reed gave a brief account of the ideals and benefits of the old tradition. Thus what has been done once can be done easier a second time, and so many were openly opposed that the plan to revive the old custom was overwhelmingly defeated. This year, too, there seemed to be a more equal division of sentiment within the classes.

The majority apparently believe that there was too much loss in work expended for value received in fun and college spirit. With rows, midnight trips around the country, and hours of imprisonment a thing of the past, it seems to mark the passing of another of the good old traditions.

Calendar

Thursday
Thanksgiving.

Saturday
Y. M. C. A. movies in Commons.

Sunday
Chapel Preacher: Rev. Gaius Glenn Atkins, D. D., Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.

Tuesday
Fraternity Meetings.

TROUBLE LIES WITH STUDENT IN PRESENT SYSTEM

Faculty Men Believe Undergraduates Should Educate Themselves Under Supervision

MUST WANT TO LEARN

Present Methods Do Not Throttle Men Willing to Work

For many years the question of method in education has occupied the thoughts of both teachers and students. At Hamilton College a system was devised some fifteen years ago by a committee of educators and alumni. Although the system has been modified since then on the whole it is the same method in use today.

This method of instruction now in force on the Hill has met with severe criticism recently in the discussions of the students and in several articles in Life. Since professors have discussed this subject as much as students, it was thought that their opinions would shed some light upon the matter. The editors of Life only regret that lack of space forbids a more thorough treatment from all of the faculty.

"The huge evil of our present system is the acquiescent, passive attitude of the student in regard to curricular work. Spoon-fed, predigested courses are thrust upon students who are quite willing to place the responsibility for their education upon the teacher. An instructor is amazed at a student who wants to learn more than the limits of the course and asks the instructor's advice in the search. The trouble lies in the institutions themselves.

"In considering as a substitute the Oxford system, my one criticism is that it lacks the stimulus of student upon student in classroom discussion."

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Students Petition For Longer Vacation

A growing sentiment among both faculty and students is tending to make possible a four-day Thanksgiving vacation next year, although the plan was defeated this year when it was presented as a petition to the faculty by the students. The petition read that Friday, Saturday and Sunday were to be holidays as well as Thanksgiving, diminishing some other vacation period by two school days. As the trustees allow but four weeks of vacation, it would be impossible to have a four-day Thanksgiving vacation without subtracting days from some other vacation.

The reasons for the faculty's rejection of the petition are somewhat vague, but it is probable that the faculty felt that such a plan would prove permanent and did not like to take action in President Ferry's absence. Also, the petition was presented at such a date as to allow only two weeks to make the necessary changes in the college calendar. Such changes would mean the cancellation of the invitation to the chapel preacher for the Sunday involved, and would cause much confusion.

This petition came from a small group of students, who, after sounding the sentiment of the students and various members of the faculty, thought it would be worth-while to petition the faculty for such a vacation. The measure was defeated at the last faculty meeting, but its defeat does not reflect on the judgment of the men originating the plan, but rather on unfortunate circumstances that will probably not affect its passage at some later date.

Inter-Class Contests Winter 1928

(4, Seniors; 3, Juniors; 2, Sophomores; 1, Freshmen)

Jan. 10	Tues.	4:30	B. B.	4-3	2-1
11	Wed.	4:30	Hockey	4-3	2-1
14	Sat.	2:30	B. B.	3-1	4-2
16	Mon.	?	Hockey	3-1	4-2
20	Fri.	4:30	Hockey	4-1	3-2
21	Sat.	2:30	B. B.	4-1	3-2
Feb. 6	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	4-3	
9	Thurs.	4:30	B. B.	2-1	4-3
10	Fri.	4:30	Hockey	2-1	4-3
13	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	4-2	
15	Wed.	4:30	Hockey	4-2	3-1
17	Fri.	4:30	B. B.	4-2	3-1
20	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	3-2	
22	Wed.	2:00	Cross Country Ski Race (4-3-2-1)		
		4:00	Hockey	3-2	4-1
Feb. 23	Thurs.	4:30	Basketball	3-2	4-1
Feb. 27	Mon.	4:30	Hockey (Extra Day)		
Mar. 5	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	3-1	
12	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	4-1	
19	Mon.	4:30	Fencing	2-1	

Rules—All students are eligible with the following exceptions:

Varsity Squad members may represent their classes only in that sport in which they are trying out; and

That they did not participate in the preceding varsity contest; and

That their names do not appear on a list made by the Coach of their squad and posted the day before the class contest.

Freshmen will be selected by the Coaches and other class teams by their class officers.

PROGRAM OF INTRA-MURALS IS ANNOUNCED FOR WINTER

Inter-class Matches Will Take Place in Basketball, Fencing and Hockey

Along with the general shake-up in the athletic department of the college has come the announcement of an ambitious schedule of intra-mural sports, which, it is expected, will give practically every student desirous of it, a chance to play on some team or other. It is expected that the number of undergraduates participating in sports will be more than doubled. A glance at the schedule would lead one to think that all that is needed to convert the campus into a veritable haven for winter sports enthusiasts is the arrival of snow and ice.

The program, in short, embraces a series of inter-class basketball, hockey, fencing, and skiing matches which will be run off during the winter months. According to the schedule each class will play as many as 6 games each in basketball and hockey, as compared to the former limited program of one, and perhaps two, contests for each class. There will also be 3 matches for each class in fencing.

The gala day for winter sports is set for Washington's birthday when four classes will engage in an individual and inter-class cross country ski race. It is expected that a banner will be presented to the winning class and a medal to the individual winner. The growing interest of Hamilton students in this sport will probably make this ski derby an annual event.

From January 10th to March 19th there will be a continual activity among the sport enthusiasts. Inter-class games will be held on an average of three days a week. Contrary to former custom the freshman teams will this year have no contests with outside schools, their meetings being confined to inter-class contests. Nevertheless the frosh will receive coaching as before, and will be organized into teams as formerly. Equipment will be provided for 15 frosh basketball players, and for 17 frosh hockey players.

The other classes will be left much to themselves as to organization ,etc., their teams to be selected by their class officers. Due to lack of facilities and the fact that there is only one hockey rink and one basketball court difficulties will be met in arranging for practice. It is expected that these obstacles will be partially overcome by allowing the class teams to scrimmage against the varsity teams on certain days. Equipment for 9 basketball players and 10 hockey players will be furnished to each of the classes, excepting ,of course, the freshmen, who will be allowed more.

All students will be eligible with the provisions that varsity squad members may participate in only that sport in which they are trying out, and in that sport only if they have not played in the varsity game immediately preceding the inter-class game. Those varsity squad members whose names the coaches post one day before an inter-class game will also be ineligible to play. The inter-class games will in no way affect the inter-fraternity sports which will be played at the ends of the seasons as formerly.

In the gym classes during the winter an attempt will be made to teach the students to ski and skate. This is all part of a plan to teach a knowledge of those sports which will prove of use to the undergraduates in later days.

JOHN GEORGE BUCHER GIVES LECTURE ON MODERN GERMANY

With an admonition that it was time for America and Germany to bury the hatchet forever, John George Bucher, government commercial economics speaker, proceeded to give Hamilton College students and their friends a vivid, illustrated, unbiased lecture on "Modern Germany," Friday night in the Hall of Commons.

He pictured a prosperous Germany which is enjoying better economic conditions than ever before, a changing Germany which with the coming of the Republic is striving to think along different political lines, an artistic Germany which seeks to preserve the beauties of the Old Regime while accepting the political features of the New.

Concerning economic conditions he said: "Germany is infinitely better off today than it was in 1923 or even in 1925. Many families which had their entire savings wiped out by the downward trend of the mark are now working 10 and 12 hours a day to rehabilitate their postion. The time when during the course of a street car ride fluctuations of the mark would make it necessary to re-collect the fares, has passed."

"Living conditions are cheaper than they are in a good New York City hotel. If one desires luxuries, one must pay the price, but for wholesome food and comfortable quarters the cost is very reasonable. There is poverty and there is wealth, but on the whole, Germany is enjoying a fairly well stabilized prosperity."

Germany politically is a changing Germany, Mr. Bucher indicated. "The monarchy has passed, and with its passing the people are trying wholeheartedly to conform their life to the Republic. Those who saw in the return of Hindenburg to power, the return of the Kaiser, find their predictions completely reversed. The Republic through the efforts of Hindenburg is stronger and better off in every way than ever before."

In the pictures which accompanied the lecture, Germany was painted as an artistic nation—a nation which, giving up the monarchy, keeps the beauties which that monarchy created.

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Fencing Schedule 1928

Feb. 4—Alumni at Clinton.
Feb. 11—Norwich U. at Clinton.
Feb. 18—Lafayette at Clinton.
Feb. 25—Yale and Cornell at Cinton.
Mar. 3—Syracuse at Syracuse.
Mar. 9—Columbia at New York.
Mar. 10—Princeton and Penn at Princeton.
Mar. 24—Semi-finals at West Point. (N. Y. U., Ohio State, Cornell, Army and Hamilton).
Apr. 5-6 — Intercollegiates at Hotel Astor, New York.

FENCERS FACE HARD SCHEDULE THIS SEASON

Seven Dual and Triangular Meets Are Scheduled in Addition to Intercollegiates

PRINCETON WILL BE MET

Only One Letter Man Is Left From Last Year's Team

With but one letter man returning to college and with the announcement of one of the heaviest schedules in recent years, pre-season prospects for a successful season in fencing look none too good. According to the schedule released last week by Director Prettyman there will be seven dual and triangular meets this year in addition to the annual Semi-Finals at West Point and The Intercollegiates at the Hotel Astor, New York.

The season opens February 4 when the local fencers will meet an alumni team. The alumni team always puts up a stiff battle. Last year the varsity team was only able to win by a one point margin. February 11 and 18 will see two newcomers to the Hamilton schedule when the team meets Norwich and Lafayette in two dual meets. The first triangular meet of the year will be held here February 25 with Yale and Cornell.

The team will take its first trip of the season when it meets Syracuse at Syracuse on March 3. The following week the team will attempt to avenge the defeat received at the hands of Columbia last year. A triangular meet with Princeton and Pennsylvania at Princeton on March 10 completes the intercollegiate schedule. The semi-finals to be held March 24 at West Point will have five colleges, New York University, Ohio State, Cornell, Army and Hamilton, competing.

Captain Redmond is the only letter man left from last season, but there are a number of men on the squad whom Coach Gelas confidently believes will develop into a good team. The men on the squad are: Redmond, Vermilya, F. Gilbert, W. Ferry, C. Ferry, Almirall, Cooper, Rearick, C. Nichols, Darken, Frazee, Best, Bailey, Niemeyer, Puglisi, P. Rogers, Carson, F. Williams, Westerberg, Sarles, Lathrop and R. Miller.

Dr. Ferry Is Now in Southern France

Dr. Frederick C. Ferry, who is at present making a tour of Europe, is expected to return late in January. At the beginning of the second semester he will take up his duties as president of the College.

President Ferry left for Montreal about the middle of July to sail for England. When he arrived in England he spent about two weeks in London and made several trips through the neighboring country, visiting many places of historical and literary interest. Leaving England he crossed over to Switzerland and arrived in Lucerne about the first of September. Chamberlain Ferry, '29, who had accompanied his family this far, was forced to leave the party in order to return to college. While in Switzerland, President Ferry visited Murren, Glion, Geneva, and other famous places. He met Professor and Mrs. Lewis, who are also making an European tour, in Switzerland. From latest reports President Ferry is now in Southern France.

Before returning he expects to go to Italy from France and will probably be there during the Christmas holidays. When he returns towards the end of January he will be accompanied by Wallace B. Johnson, who recently left for Europe.

LIFE COMPILES LIST OF BOOKS OF LOCAL GRADS

Attempt Will Be Made to Gather Complete Bibliographies of Hamilton Authors

LISTS NOT COMPLETE

News From Alumni Along This Line Is Solicited

Among the alumni of Hamilton College, as many know, there are several men who have achieved noteworthy success as professional authors or as writers of an occasional story or poem. In order that Hamilton men may know of this aspect of the activities of the alumni of their college, HAMILTON LIFE, beginning with this issue, will publish from times to time bibliographies of the publications of these writers.

Inasmuch as articles now and then appear in various publications which, though not written by a Hamilton alumnus, nevertheless deal with his life or work, it has been deemed advisable to include all such matters in the bibliography. Thus articles that tell of Ezra Pound, regardless of who their author may be, will appear here.

While every effort has been made to maintain a high standard of accuracy in preparing this list, it is realized that there are probably many errors as well as omissions in the names or dates. Since such a bibliography will be of some value if systematically compiled and revised, it is hoped that all persons observing errors or omissions will report them to some representative of HAMILTON LIFE.

The listed publications of Hamilton writers from about the middle of 1926 to the fall of 1927 follows:

Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91 — Piper's Fee (a novel), Boni and Liveright, 1926; Siege (a novel), illustrated with scenes from the photoplay, Grossett and Dunlap, 1926; Revelry (a novel) Boni and Liveright 1926; Who and What (a book of puzzles), Boni and Liveright, 1927; The Emperor Learns a Tune (a story), Pictorial Review, August 1926; Portrait in the Independent, April 9, 1927.

Carl L. Carmer, '14—Alabama Twilight (poem), American Mercury, October 1926; Baptizin' (poem), Sat-

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Second Concert of Club Is Much Enjoyed

Last Wednesday evening, Professor and Mrs. Berrian R. Shute gave the second concert of the year's program of the Hamilton College Musical Art Society, at Sigma Phi Place. This two-piano recital was well attended, and the constant applause attested the popular approval given the performance by the audience. Before the program began, Mr. Shute announced that there would be formed a body of active members of the Musical Art Society, composed of those members who could either play some musical instrument or sing.

The program was in three parts. Following a Concerto by Handel was the Schumann Concerto in A Minor. The latter was especially well received, due to the splendid interpretation of the players.

Selections from the two modern composers, Debussy and Chabrier, made up Part Two. The "Espana" Rhapsody by Chabrier was perhaps the most popular single number of the program, but the Debussy suite was also received enthusiastically. The Rhapsody was, after long applause at the end of the program, repeated as an encore.

The first selection in Part Three was a suite for two pianos byArensky, which was followed by a waltz movement—a Contrapuntal Paraphrase on the "Invitation to the Dance," by Weber-Godowsky. If this brilliant and popular piece was put in the program as a concession to the tastes of the college body, it was a success.

As announced by Mr. Shute a group of Active Members is to be formed at once, in accordance with Mr. Shute's plan from the first to encourage individual effort on the part of musicians in the student body, but whether an orchestra will be organized has not yet been decided. This will depend quite largely on whether the problem of finding a convenient time to practice can be satisfactorily solved.

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A PROGRESSIVE STEP

What is probably the most progressive step that has been suggested in Hamilton in years is now being taken by the Athletic Department. A definitely organized system in intramural sports, a thing which has been lacking for a long time, will be put into operation this winter.

It has long been our contention that, inasmuch as athletics in college were supposed to be a physical benefit to the students, the mere maintenance of varsity squads for intercollegiate competition did not fulfill the requirements, since too small a number of the students could participate. We did not advocate the abolition of intercollegiate athletics, but merely the introduction of some more highly systematized form of intramural competition, which would enable more men to take part.

This obvious need seems to be in a good way of being satisfied since the computations show that actually twice as many men as are now taking part in sports will have a chance to enter athletic competition. Since the percentage of students at Hamilton who have taken part in athletics up to this time, with respect to the size of the student body, has been proporionately large in comparison with other colleges, the benefit of the new plan is obvious.

The physical, however, is not the only side to this question. There is also the question of providing for a proper development of college spirit and fellowship and a diversion from class room work, a thing formerly considered to be taken care of by rows and rushes. There has been a tendency throughout the colleges of the country during the past few years to abolish the rows and rushes between classes and to substitute for them class competition in sports.

This tendency has manifested itself at Hamilton. Abolition of the annual spring row took place more than two years ago. Efforts to revive banquet season this fall were effectually stopped by the proposed participants; it is apparently only a matter of time before the opening fall row will be added to the heap of discards. Nothing has filled the places of these discards. Class intra-murals **should.** In the argument over the revival of banquet season, one man made the statement that inter-class **fighting** would not promote a healthy sort of fellowship and spirit. Good natured rivalry in sports **will.**

Because of the lack of a suitable athletic plant, namely the only too apparent lack of a decent gymnasium, the development of intra-murals has been greatly retarded. The trouble has been to find space for practice without infringing too greatly on the time of practice for the varsitv teams. The coaches have remedied this to a certain extent by agreeing to see that the classes should have at least one practice session a week, either against the varsity or freshman teams. Also special efforts have been made to equip the class teams with appropriate uniforms. With the success of the system in winter sports it is planned to continue intra-murals through all the seasons of the year, thus fulfilling every requirement that could be expected of such a system.

The Athletic Department deserves a great deal of credit for the evolution of this scheme. Every opportunity that anyone could ask for has been given the students. It is now up to the students to make use of their chances and to enter into the full spirit of the plan in order to make it a complete success.

THE LOST LEADER

Just what one does to a traitor to college is not known, but it may be safely predicted that there will be strong sentiment in favor of standing Bennie Friedman against an ivied wall in the shade of some Gothic spire and shooting him at sunrise. For Bennie Friedman, "wonder man of the gridiron" for three years at the University of Michigan, has basely betrayed the great game of college football and grievously slandered that precious and indefinable something known as college spirit.

At a New York dinner in his honor this modern gladiator, according to the World, voiced the following treasonable statement:". . . Furthermore it has been my experience in the few pro games in which I have taken part that the spirit of the play grips you and I give as much to the Cleveland Bulldogs as I ever gave to Michigan."

Here is a plain case of treason. Surely the man has sold himself, just for a riband to wear on his jersey. One need only quote from the recent book of a steadfast college coach to demonstrate how far this star has fallen. Here is what Coach William ("Bill") Roper says about the spirit of the college game in the chapter on "Professional Football" of his recent book (Duffield): "It takes something more compelling than a pay check to arouse the flaming courage, the grit and endurance manifested on the gridiron against the background of Gothic buildings, shaded lawns and familiar faces of classmates. It takes spirit, college spirit. The only analogy, I think, is love of country." There you have it. The genuine thing; beware of imitations.

If the Bennie Friedmans remain at large it won't be long before college will have nothing to offer a young man that he could not have gotten just as easily at home and with less expense. Coonskin coats and collegiate dress are now worn wherever mail order catalogs circulate. Even the rural rakes in crossroads poolrooms have affected the collegiate slouch. But it is the last straw when a former college star says that it is just as glorious to die for dear old Goshen Center as Rutgers.

—The New Student.

BASKETBALL SINCE 1900

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share of the credit for the excellent showing made by this team was attributed to the enthusiastic support tendered by the rest of the college.

The team pictures in the 1901 and 1902 Hamiltonians reveal the interesting fact that, in the dark ages of basketball, the players modestly wore long tights. The team also wore broad, lateral striped jerseys, of the "convict" type, which must have made a dazzling appearance.

NOTICE

This year for the first time, season tickets for hockey will be sold for the price of $10 for 10 games. These tickets are for the regular $1.50 seats. The prices on tickets for individual games are $1.50 for the end and first row on the side, and $1.25 for second and third rows on side. Any requests for tickets should be addressed to the office in the gymnasium.

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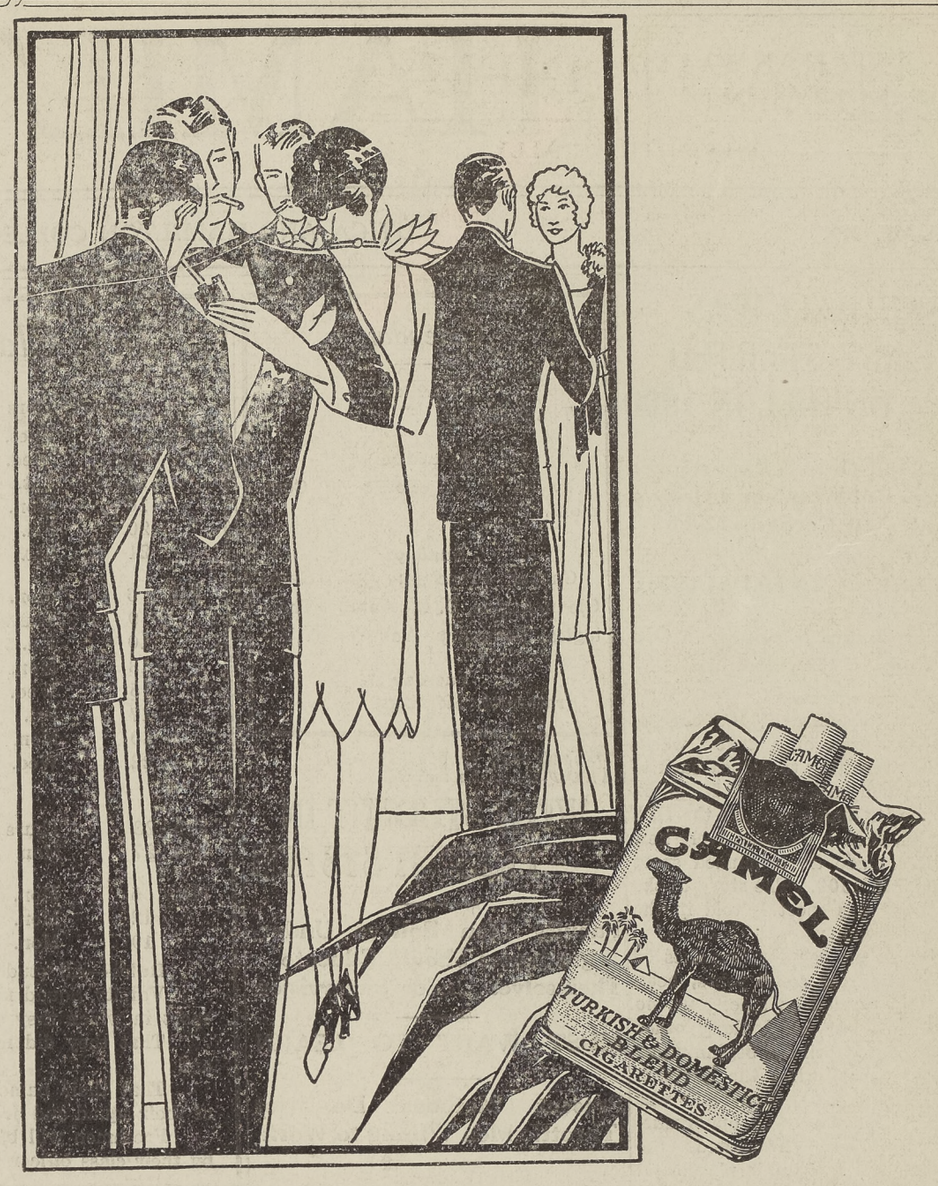

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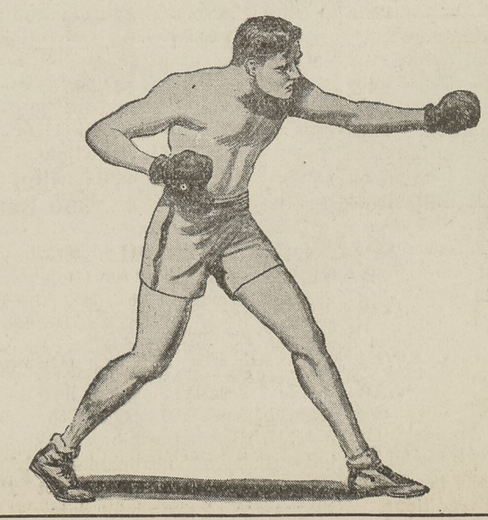

CARPE DIEM

THAT UTICA RALLY

We have it on excellent authority that the glorious display of the Good Old Hamilton Spirit, which bloomed forth so splendidly on the evening of November 11, was previously "fixed." Fred (Penn Yann) Ballard and Hank Heyl ("The Swedish Nightingale"), were secretly subsidized by a ring of nearby "interested profiteers," composed of the Clinton Transportation Trust, the Dan-Dee Chop House, Doc Hanley, The New (Latest) Smile, and "Jack" and "Charlie," 205 Lafayette Street. It is bruited about that the local lads were promised 25 per cent of the gate as a straight fee for promoting the event. The latest "dope" on the matter is that "Fighting Eddie" Fitch is sore because he was not counted in on the rake-off, and is going to spill the whole works.

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Unofficial Record of Hamilton-Union Games

	H.	U.	
1924	0	62	(Hamilton moral victory)
1924	0	0	(Hamilton moral victory)
1925	0	36	(Hamilton moral victory)
1927	6	6	(Hamilton moral victory)

Summary—Moral victories, Hamilton, 4; Union, 0. Ties, 0.

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Our Own Prize Editorial

We are tired. Not rested up from Union game yet. Haven't had a chance. Merritt got us out of bed Thursday night; no sleep. Friday night, little drunks, small hours, sore throat; no sleep. Saturday night, big drunk, small hours, sore all over; no sleep. Beginning of this week, no drunk, no lessons done, sore professors; no sleep. Last of the week, Clinton cider, lots of lessons, sore eyes; no sleep.

We are very tired. We want sleep. That's one reason Coughlin gave us beds. Burton sleeps. Eddie Fitch sleeps. We don't. Our motto is "Carpe Diem," not Carpe Noctem." We are tired.

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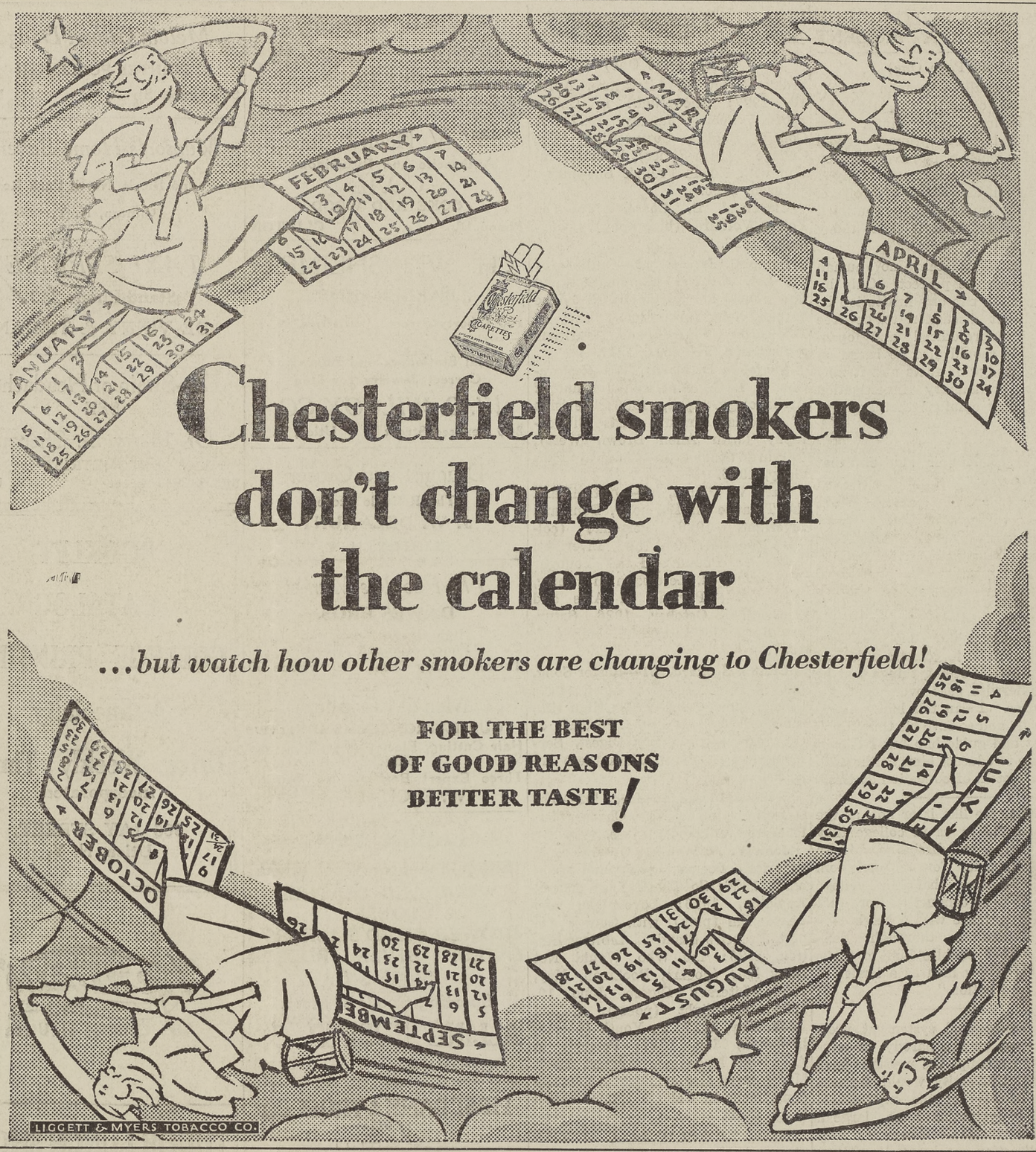
Things Hamilton Men Have to Be Thankful for on Thanksgiving Day

1. That the Faculty can enjoy a nice pleasant holiday with their families and thank God for "The happy little group around this dinner table."
2. That we can't.
3. That, owing to the absence, on leave, of Dr. F. C. Ferry, President, the Faculty couldn't go about establishing any promiscuous precedents—such as increasing the Turkey Day Holiday to three.
4. That the "iron ring" of double cuts surrounding the Thanksgiving Day respite is ample to quash any undergraduate plots to spend the week-end at home.
5. No classes Thursday—the annual Fall term "breathing spell."



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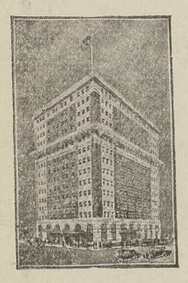
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TROUBLE LIES WITH STUDENTS AT PRESENT

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"A very small percentage of the students who come to college are interested in intellectual things. The trouble lies in their primary school preparation where they have not been taught self-discipline. Accordingly, I believe in self-discipline at college. The curriculum should be outlined with it in view or as it exists today at Hamilton College.

"I am convinced that no human institution can be perfect. Only by free discussion can any institution be improved but discussion to be free must be unprejudiced and open-minded. It should also be based on some knowledge of facts and it may be that preliminary investigation would modify opinions that some of us claim."

"The experiments in education that are taking place in several of our colleges should be accepted rather slowly. I don't think the fault lies with our methods of education so much as I do with the students. Any man who is anxious to acquire an education will not wait for a new method before he gets started. It is always the mediocre student who places the blame upon the professor. I do not pretend to educate a man; I will help him in seeing things that he might otherwise pass over, from my experiences. I can tell him what is worthwhile and so save his time, I will interpret and guide him but I cannot guarantee to educate him; neither will any new system of education do this."

"Whether we like it or not, as the students come to us in college they lack initiative, self-discipline, and an adequate capacity for self-direction. I firmly believe that the college should aim to so conduct its work that its graduates leave with a heightened initiative and a thorough self-discipline that enables him to move among his fellow men as a leader in thought and action."

"Our educational system at present is based on the parody of students. To attempt the methods used at Oxford University would be impossible because of the expenditure involved in maintaining so large a staff of instructors. However a step in this direction can be made without adding to the faculty.

"Once a week the professor will give a lecture on a subject of interest to him and which will be concerned with the work of scholars. At the second recitation there will be a general discussion and recitation. The third recitation will mark a division in the class; the poor students will have the usual digesting of the text, but the honor men will be excused from the meeting and will substitute in place individual half hour conferences every fortnight with the professor. In this way the honor men will be encouraged to use the library which is the most important thing in the acquisition of knowledge."

"I sympathize with the feeling which seems quite widespread among the undergraduates, that study done primarily for marks is unsatisfactory. I can understand why so many are searching for better methods of study for themselves and would like to see changes in the College program. It should make us who do the teaching search our hearts—perhaps we occasionally do it now.

"But the undergraduates, as well as we, should face the facts. A large proportion of the men eager to be left more to themselves, who talk freely of an English "honors" course, would be the ones who would most surely fail under it. They are the sort who are partly responsible for the present system of "forcible feeding," which, personally, I hope to see gradually done away with as the quality of the student body improves. It takes more intellect and character than many of our "very nice" boys possess, to pass final examinations and gain degrees, when the work has been left largely to the students' initiative.

As for the minority composed of the unusually capable, I hope to see an honors system established here in the not distant future. Meanwhile I would recommend a thoughtful perusal of the article in last week's Hamilton Life on the Mikeljohn experiment; it may surprise some.

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HONORS COURSES OFFERED

Dr. Arthur J. May, instructor of the History I Class, is instituting an honor section in that class wherein the students of highest rank may take part in more varied work than the regular course offers. The principal benefit, from the student's point of view, is the exemption from examinations during the year and the participation in discussion groups.

To be eligible for membership in this honor section, a student must receive an honor grade and perform certain specified readings outside of the regular assignments. Fifteen students will be admitted to this class.

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LIFE COMPILES LIST OF BOOKS OF HAMILTON MEN

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urday Review of Literature, April, 16, 1927; One Night in Calera (poem), Poetry, January 1927. A College English Composition (The College English Series), in collaboration with Edwin Francis Shewmake, Johnson, 1926.

Cleveland B. Chase, '23—The Young Voltaire (biography), Longmans, 1926.

Philip C. Jessup, '18—Outlines of the Law for Bar Examination and Law School Review, published by the author, New York, 1925. Law of Territorial Waters and Maritime Jurisdiction, Jennings, 1927.

Benjamin D. Meritt, '20—Restoration in I. G., American Journal of Archaeology, April, 1926; Revision of Athenian Tribute Lists Bibliography (with Allen Brown West), Harvard Studies in Classical Philology, 1926.

Ezra W. Pound, '05—Antheil and the Treatise on Harmony, Boni and Liveright, 1926; Personae (collected poems), Boni and Liveright, 1926; Mr. Pound and the Younger Generation, M. Lesemann in Poetry, July, 1927; Portrait in Arts and Decorations, October, 1926, Saturday Review of Literature, March 7, 1927.

Clinton Scollard, '81—Easter Song, Ladies' Home Journal, April, 1927; Gilead, same, April, 1927; High Hill, same, December, 1926; Portrait of an Unknown, Literary Digest, September 18, 1926. (All of these are poems.)

William Pierce Shepard, '92—The Oxford Provencal Chansonnier, Princeton University Press, 1927.

John V. A. Weaver, '14—More in American Poems, Knopf and Company, 1926; So That's That (play), Appleton, 1926; Love 'Em and Leave 'Em (play), with George Abbott, French's Standard Library Edition, 1926; And Who Would Not Envy Me? (poem), Bookman, May, 1926; Literary Digest, June 19, 1926; Moonlight (poem), Golden Book, May, 1927; To Youth (poem), Bookman, May, 1927; Portrait in American Magazine, August, 1926. Mr. Weaver also conducts a monthly department in College Humor called Stage Stuff.

Henry Kitchell Webster, '97—Beginners (a novel), serially in Pictorial Review from March, 1927, on; The Corbin Necklace, Bobbs Merrill & Co., 1926; The Innocents (a novel), Burt, 1925; Masquerade (a novel), serially in American Magazine from July, 1926, on; Philopena (a novel), Bobbs Merrill & Co., 1927.

M. Karl Wisehart, '11 — The House of a Thousand Marvels, American Magazine, December, 1926; I Left the Pulpit for the Woods and Fields, American Magazine, October, 1926; Making One Hour Do the Work of Two, same, March, 1927; Painters of Dreams, same, August, 1926; What Is Going to Happen to America, same, June, 1927; Wichita Bill, Cowboy Artist, same, August, 1927.

Alexander H. Woollcott, '09—Author! Author!, Colliers, September 4, 1926; Brave Little Woman, same, January 22, 1927; She Didn't Mean to Do It, same, December 11, 1926; Too Late to Mend, same, September 25, 1926.

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JOHN GEORGE BUCHER MODERN GERMANY

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The castles of the Old Regime are not left to fall into decay. Their grounds and gardens are maintained, their fountains still play, the castles themselves are museums. Even the subway entrances and the necessary evils of the larger cities have been wherever possible transformed into beauty spots.

Such an impression of an artistic Germany could not fail to have been gained by the audience which through the medium of slides and motion pictures was taken through Bremen, with its beautiful city hall; Hanover, the birthplace of Hindenburg and the home of the English Hanoverian kings; Berlin, the site of the capital with its famous Reichstag building and the former palace of the Kaiser; Munich, the center of Bavarian civilization; and Cologne, the cathedral city. Several slides and motion pictures of Slavic life in the upper tributaries of the Spree, added a rural atmosphere to a trip which was otherwise distinctly urban.

Dean Fitch introducted the speaker, remarking on the fact that this is the first of many commercial economics lectures given on the Hill to be concerned with a country overseas. About 150 were present in the audience.

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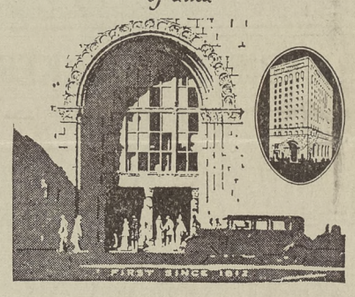

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